

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/05/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-34.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date November 8, 2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

As per claim 21 has been replaced with:

-- A system having a computer memory and a processor for multivariable comparison of financial information, comprising:

- a first processor performing instructions for a client interface for a user to receive weightable search information, the weightable search information comprising user-selected quantitative search criteria and user-selected weighting criteria, the weighting criteria reflecting user-defined levels of importance for one or more of the quantitative search criteria; and
- a second processor performing through a search interface, communicating with the client interface, the search interface interrogates at least one network-enabled information source according to the weightable search information to generate search results;
- wherein the financial information comprises a plurality of investment funds, each having multiple quantitative investment fund variables associated therewith;
- the computer memory for storing the search results;
- the search interface compares the quantitative investment fund variables with the user-selected quantitative search criteria and the user-selected weighting criteria to generate search results comprising:
 - a first set of investment funds that do not satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria, but which satisfy the overall user-defined criteria based on the combination of the user-selected weighting criteria

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and the user-selected quantitative criteria, wherein the search results indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria;

- the search interface performs subsequent searches within stored results of a prior search to limit search results when existing search criteria values are revised;
 - the search interface performs other subsequent searches to interrogate at least one network-enabled information source to expand search results when criteria are added; and
- the search interface recalculates and represents the result indicators which indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria. - -

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John LeBlanc on November 8, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 21-34 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re. claims 21 & 28, Wallman is the closest prior art to Applicant's invention found by the examiner. Wallman does not disclose or suggest:

- a first set of investment funds that do not satisfy all of the user-selected quantitative search criteria but which satisfy the overall user-defined criteria based on the combination of the user-selected weighting criteria and the user-selected quantitative criteria wherein the search results indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria;
- the search interface operative to perform subsequent searches within stored results of a prior search to limit search results when existing search criteria values are revised;

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- the search Interface operative to perform other subsequent searches to interrogate at least one network-enabled information source to expand search results when criteria are added; and
- the search interface operative to recalculate and represent the result indicators which indicate the level the search results match the weighted criteria.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Siegfried E. Chencinski whose telephone number is 571-272-6792. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM - 6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Souh can be reached on 571-272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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